

**MINUTES OF THE  
LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2020**

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Lakefront Management Authority was held on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at the Lakefront Airport Terminal Building, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana 70126, after due legal notice of the meeting was sent to each Board member and the news media and posted.

Chair Wilma Heaton called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M., and Commissioner Rodgers led in the pledge of allegiance. Director Louis Capo called the roll and a quorum was present.

**PRESENT:**

Chair Wilma Heaton  
Secretary Thomas Fierke  
Commissioner Stanley Brien  
Commissioner Sean Bruno  
Commissioner Stanley Cohn  
Commissioner Leila Eames  
Commissioner Dawn Hebert  
Commissioner Anthony Richard  
Commissioner Howard Rodgers  
Commissioner Robert Romero

**ABSENT:**

Vice Chair Robert Watters  
Commissioner Esmond Carr  
Commissioner Pat Meadowcroft  
Commissioner Chris Morvant

**STAFF:**

Louis Capo – Executive Director  
Daniel Hill– Director of Engineering and Operations  
Bruce Martin –Airport Director  
Madison Bonaventure – Assistant to the Executive Director

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Phyllis Accardo – Deanie’s Seafood and Lazy Jack’s  
Hugh Ettinger – Fountainbleu Management Services, Inc.  
David Hammer – WWLTV  
Chris Humphreys – Flood Protection Authority  
Walter Baumy – Arcadis, NV

Johanna Malborough– Fountainbleu Management Services, Inc.  
Gerry Metzger – LMA Legal Counsel  
Marian Wallis – Studio Network-Lakefront, LLC

**OPENING COMMENTS:**

Chair Heaton said the Airport Terminal Elevator Project continues to advance. She let the Board know that Messina’s at the Terminal, the LMA’s restaurant tenant at the Airport, will resume service on June 2, 2020 with consideration of social distancing measures.

Chair Heaton thanked staff for their hard work and thanked commissioners for following up during unprecedented times. She also thanked executive staff for the newsletter and numerous communications during COVID-19.

Louis Capo, Executive Director, introduced the Authority’s new Harbor Master:

“Mr. Brad VanHoose, originally from Jacksonville Florida, has been hired as our Harbor Master (Marina Manager). He has successfully completed 22 honorable years of service in the United States Coast Guard, holding the title of Chief Petty Officer. For the past 5 years he was stationed in New Orleans.

He has a record of accomplishments while leading large teams in a fast-paced environment and has a comprehensive background in:

- USCG Regulations
- Customer Relations
- Training
- Personnel Management
- Supply Chain Management
- Operations and Maintenance Management”

Mr. VanHoose addressed the Board and thanked them for the opportunity.

Director Capo noted that this was the first time the agency has hired a Harbor Master with U.S. Coast Guard experience.

**MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Fierke proposed to amend the agenda discuss New Business items before reports, discuss New Business items No. 2 through No. 4, then discuss New Business item No. 1 and delete New Business item No. 5 from the agenda. Commissioner Fierke said the intention of these amendments was to maintain a quorum for actionable items and to revisit New Business item No. 5 when the Board had more information on the matter.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Richard, seconded by Commissioner Romero, and unanimously approved to adopt the amended agenda.

### **MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Fierke, seconded by Commissioner Hebert, and unanimously approved, to adopt the minutes of April 23, 2020.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Hugh Ettinger introduced himself to the Board as a former employee of Fountainbleu Management Services, Inc. which was a company owned by the late Mr. Roland Von Kurnatowski. He said the company and its affiliates owed him approximately \$20,000 in wages and unreimbursed expenses. Mr. Ettinger said he participated in purchasing.

Ms. Johanna Malborough introduced herself to the Board as a former employee of Fountainbleu Management Services, Inc. She described Fountainbleu Management Services, Inc. as a pass-through company for which Mr. Von Kurnatowski would use to pay bills for his other entities such as Studio Network-Lakefront, LLC. She said the company owed her about \$6,000-\$7,000 in unpaid wages and benefits. She also noted that the owners of the company did not submit payroll taxes, so she was unable to collect unemployment benefits. Ms. Malborough said she participated in payroll and accounting functions.

Ms. Phyllis Accardo introduced herself to the Board as a local entrepreneur and Mr. Von Kurnatowski's partner in the Lazy Jack's Restaurant associated with the Studio Network-Lakefront, LLC development. Ms. Accardo said she lost her investment in the project; however, she said she hoped to make the project a success as she felt the entertainment district would aid in community development. Ms. Accardo felt like the Board should help those associated with the project collect money due to them.

Ms. Marian Wallis introduced herself to the Board as an investor in Studio Network-Lakefront, LLC. She said she loaned Studio Network-Lakefront, LLC and Mr. Von Kurnatowski over \$650,000. Additionally, she said she incurred expenses and time totaling over \$100,000. Ms. Wallis said that after Mr. von Kurnatowski's untimely death, she wanted to see the important project come to fruition in Lakefront-East, so she made a loan to Studio Network-Lakefront, LLC in the form of direct rent payments to the Authority, totaling approximately \$84,000.

Commissioner Richard said that after hearing the individual statements, he felt like it was a moral issue that needed to be addressed but did not know what role the Authority could play legally. Chair Heaton said that Mr. Jeff Dye, the Authority's contracted lawyer on the matter, will give a report to update the Board on the situation and to counsel the Authority on what can be done at the next Board Meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Motion to accept FAA Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Airport Grant No. 3-22-0038-033-2020 for the New Orleans Lakefront Airport in the amount of \$157,000.**

Bruce Martin, Airport Director, explained that the Authority was eligible for \$157,000 grant for airport related expenses as part of the CARES Act, and acceptance of the grant required the Board's approval.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Fierke, seconded by Commissioner Richard, and unanimously adopted to accept FAA Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act Airport Grant No. 3-22-0038-033-2020 for the New Orleans Lakefront Airport.

**MOTION: 02-052820**

**RESOLUTION 02-052820**

**BY: COMMISSIONER FIERKE**

**SECONDED: COMMISSIONER COHN**

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**2) Motion to Accept FAA Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act Airport Grant No. 3-22-0038-033-2020 for the New Orleans Lakefront Airport.**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Lakefront Management Authority, formerly the Lakefront Management Authority, ("Management Authority") is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana and the governing authority of the non-flood protection assets of the Orleans Levee District ("District");

**WHEREAS**, the Management Authority manages, operates and administers the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, which is a non-flood protection asset owned by the Orleans Levee District, located on the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain in the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, (the "Airport");

**WHEREAS**, the Management Authority and the Orleans Levee District are the Public Sponsors of the Airport for Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Aviation Division ("LADOTD") and U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") grant funding;

**WHEREAS**, in response to the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency, the Congress of the United States enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act” or “Act”), Public Law Number 116-136, which in part authorized grant funding to eligible airport Sponsors to help offset a decline in revenues arising from diminished airport operations and activities as a result of the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency;

**WHEREAS**, the Management Authority submitted to the FAA a CARES Act Grant Application, dated on April 24, 2020, (the“ Application”) for a grant of Federal funds to be used at or associated with the New Orleans Lakefront Airport in accordance with and as authorized under the terms and conditions of the CARES Act;

**WHEREAS**, the FAA approved the Application and issued a Grant Offer, in the maximum amount of \$157,000.00, identified as CARES GRANT Number 3-22-0038-033-2020 (the "Grant Offer" or "Grant Agreement");

**WHEREAS**, for the Grant to be valid and in order to properly enter into the Grant Agreement with the FAA, the Management Authority is required to adopt a resolution to accept the Grant Offer, and provide a Certificate signed by the Sponsor's Attorney, as required under the conditions of the Grant Offer; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Management Authority resolved that it is in the best interest of the Airport to accept the Grant Offer in accordance with all of the terms and conditions of the Grant Offer.

**THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Lakefront Management Authority, on its behalf and on behalf of the Orleans Levee District, as the Public Sponsors of the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, hereby accepts the Grant Offer by the United States of America, through the Federal Aviation Administration, identified as CARES GRANT Number 3-22-0038-033-2020, ratifies all actions taken in connection with the Application and Grant Offer submitted

on behalf of the Lakefront Management Authority to the Federal Aviation Administration and further ratifies and adopts all assurances, statements, representations, warranties, covenants, and agreements in the Application and incorporated in the Grant Offer and agrees to comply with all terms and conditions in the Application and Grant Offer.

**BE IT FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Management Authority Chairman or Executive Director be and is hereby authorized to accept and sign the Grant Offer identified as CARES GRANT Number 3-22-0038-033-2020 and any other documents necessary to carry out the above.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Legal Counsel for the Lakefront Management Authority be and is hereby authorized to sign the Certificate of Sponsor's Attorney required under the terms and conditions of the Grant Offer.

**YEAS:** Brien, Bruno, Cohn, Eames, Fierke, Heaton, Hebert, Richard, Rodgers, Romero

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Carr, Meadowcroft, Morvant, Watters

**RESOLUTION PASSED: YES**

**2) Motion to award and enter into a contract with Magnolia Dredge and Dock, LLC as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for the Base Bid (\$226,520) and Alternate 1 (\$56,650) Scope of Work for the South Shore Harbor Dredging Project in the total amount of \$283,170.**

Daniel Hill, Director of Engineering and Operations, said that the bidding for the South Shore Harbor Dredging Project was very competitive, and the lowest responsive and responsible bidder was Magnolia Dredge and Dock, LLC at a bid of \$283,170.00 for Base Bid and Alternate 1 scope of work. Mr. Hill recommended awarding the contract.

Commissioner Eames asked if Mr. Hill was familiar with the firm. Mr. Hill said he was not, but noted that the Authority's contracted engineers, Linfield, Hunter and Junius, sent a response stating that Magnolia Dredge and Dock, LLC was a responsible contractor. Mr. Hill also added

that licensing and insurance requirements were met. Mr. Hill also said that a payment and performance bond was in place to ensure the project would be completed.

Chair Heaton said if money slated for this project remains, then the board could consider funding necessary dredging at the New Basin Canal site.

Commissioner Fierke asked if the work would be inspected by Linfield, Hunter, and Junius after the project was complete. Mr. Hill responded that the company must provide an as-built survey from a professionally licensed firm for the Authority to verify.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Cohn, seconded by Commissioner Fierke, and unanimously adopted, to award and enter into a contract with Magnolia Dredge and Dock, LLC as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for the Base Bid (\$226,520) and Alternate 1 (\$56,650) Scope of Work for the South Shore Harbor Dredging Project in the total amount of \$283,170.

**MOTION: 03-052820**  
**RESOLUTION: 03-052820**  
**BY: COMMISSIONER COHN**  
**SECONDED: COMMISSIONER FIERKE**

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**3)** Motion to award and enter into a contract with Magnolia Dredge and Dock, LLC as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for the Base Bid (\$226,520) and Alternate 1 (\$56,650) Scope of Work for the South Shore Harbor Dredging Project in the total amount of \$283,170.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Lakefront Management Authority (“Management Authority”) is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana and the governing authority of the non-flood protection assets of the Orleans Levee District (“District”);

**WHEREAS**, the South Shore Harbor Marina is one of the non-flood protection assets of the District under the management and control of the Management Authority;

**WHEREAS**, the Management Authority in May of 2020 issued an Invitation for Bids for dredging at South Shore Harbor Marina (the “Project”) in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Public Bid Law, La. Rev. Stat. 38:2212, et seq., and the Invitation for Bids provided that bids had to be received by no later than 2:00 P.M. on May 22, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Public Bid Law requires that the contract for this Project be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, as provided under Section 2212 of the Louisiana Public Bid Law;

**WHEREAS**, the following bids were received no later than 2:00 P.M. on May 22nd and read aloud in the conference room in the Terminal at the New Orleans Lakefront Airport:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>Alternate 1</b>	<b>Sum</b>
Magnolia Dredge & Dock, LLC	\$226,520.00	\$56,650.00	\$283,170.00
Specialty Diving of Louisiana, LLC	\$274,680.00	\$35,000.00	\$309,680.00
Baker Pile Driving & Sitework, LLC	\$311,560.00	\$83,300.00	\$394,860.00
Deep South Construction & Salvage, LLC	\$375,698.00	\$60,000.00	\$435,698.00
Kostmayer Construction, LLC	\$348,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$438,000.00
Quality First Construction, LLC	\$453,280.59	111,050.00	\$564,330.59
Weeks Marine, Inc.	\$565,500.00	\$200,000.00	\$765,500.00
Crosby Dredging, LLC	\$1,015,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$1,165,000.00

**WHEREAS**, the staff of the Management authority recommended that the Management Authority accept the bid submitted by Magnolia Dredge & Dock, LLC, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Management Authority resolved that it was in the best interest of the District to award a contract to Magnolia Dredge & Dock, LLC for the Project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Lakefront Management Authority approves a contract with Magnolia Dredge & Dock, LLC, for the price and sum of \$283,170.00, for the scope of work under the Base Bid and Alternate 1 Scope of Work for the South Shore Harbor Dredging Project at the South Shore Harbor Marina.

**BE IT FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Chairman or Executive Director of the Lakefront Management Authority be and is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to carry out the above.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:** Brien, Bruno, Cohn, Eames, Fierke, Heaton, Hebert, Richard, Rodgers, Romero

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Carr, Meadowcroft, Morvant, Watters

**RESOLUTION PASSED: YES**

**4) Motion to amend the contract with AIMS Group, Inc. for Orleans Marina North and East Wall Slips Project for additional testing services in amount of \$31,567.50**

Mr. Hill said that AIMS Group’s original scope of work included vibration monitoring and pile inspection upon delivery; however, Stuart Consultants - consulting engineers and administrators hired by the Authority - recommended that pile logging be performed. Mr. Hill said he recommends this service be done.

Director Capo noted that the additional service would not cause the project to go over budget.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Fierke, seconded by Commissioner Eames, and unanimously approved, to amend the contract with AIMS Group, Inc. for the Orleans Marina North and East Wall Slips Project for additional testing services in the amount of \$31,567.50

**MOTION: 04-052820**  
**RESOLUTION: 04-052820**  
**BY: COMMISSIONER FIERKE**  
**SECONDED: COMMISSIONER EAMES**

**May 28, 2020**

**4) Motion to amend the contract with AIMS Group, Inc. for the Orleans Marina North and East Wall Slips Project for additional testing services in the amount of \$31,567.50**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Lakefront Management Authority (“Management Authority”) is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana and the governing authority of the non-flood protection assets of the Orleans Levee District (“District”);

**WHEREAS**, the Orleans Marina is one of the non-flood protection assets of the District under the management and control of the Management Authority;

**WHEREAS**, in February of 2019 the Management Authority issued an Invitation for Bids for the Orleans Marina North and East Wall Slips Project, in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Public Bid Law, La.Rev.Stat. 38:2212, et seq., (the “Project”);

**WHEREAS**, TKTMJ, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder for the Project and the Management Authority approved a contract with TKTMJ, Inc., for the price and sum of \$1,008,800.00, for the Project.

**WHEREAS**, pilings have to be driven in connection with the Project and consequently vibration monitoring services will be necessary in view of the proximity of the improvements to the construction site of the Project;

**WHEREAS**, the plans and specifications for the Project require that the Management Authority contract at its expense for the vibration monitoring services;

**WHEREAS**, the Staff of the Management Authority received proposals for these services from several companies, including AIMS Group, Inc., a Louisiana corporation, which submitted a proposal to perform the services for the price and sum of \$36,905.00;

**WHEREAS**, the Staff presented and recommended approval of the proposal for the vibration monitoring services by AIMS Group, Inc. to the Marina Committee at its meeting held on February 11, 2020, and the Marina Committee voted to recommend approval of a contract for these services with AIMS Group, Inc. for the price and sum of \$36,905.00; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Management Authority adopted a resolution at its regularly scheduled meeting in February of 2020 that approved a contract with AIMS Group, Inc. for vibration monitoring services for the Project for the price and sum of \$36,905.00.

**WHEREAS**, Aims Group, Inc. recommended that additional testing services would be required and that the cost of the additional testing would be \$31,567.50;

**WHEREAS**, the Management Authority resolved that it was in the best interest of the Orleans Levee District to approve the additional testing service for the price and sum of \$31,567.50.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Lakefront Management Authority approves an amendment of the contract with AIMS Group, Inc. to provide for additional testing services for the Orleans Marina North and East Wall Slips Project and increase the price for the services under the contract by \$31,567.50, for a total contract price of \$ 62,472.50.

**BE IT FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Chairman or Executive Director of the Lakefront Management Authority be and is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to carry out the above.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:** Brien, Bruno, Cohn, Eames, Fierke, Heaton, Hebert, Richard, Rodgers, Romero

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Carr, Meadowcroft, Morvant, Watters

**RESOLUTION PASSED: YES**

- 1) **Presentation by Arcadis, NV on the Airport Floodwall Study (Flood Protection Authority).**

Chair Heaton introduced Walter Baumy, National Technical Manager of Arcadis, NV, and Chris Humphreys, the Regional Engineer of the Flood Protection Authority- East. Chair Heaton explained that the Board has advocated for flood protection at the Airport. She announced that

the Flood Protection Authority has commissioned a study at their expense for the feasibility and estimated cost for this important project.

Mr. Baomy said that the study originally included a series of eleven alternatives for flood protection at the Airport. This series has since been narrowed to five after consulting with FPA engineers.

Mr. Baomy presented five possible options regarding project design and execution to the Board.

Commissioner Richard asked how many times the Airport has flooded. Director Capo responded that the Airport flooded in 1998 with Hurricane Georges, 2005 with Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Isaac and Hurricane Gustav in addition to some intermittent flooding from some storms.

Chair Heaton indicated that flood protection at the Airport would foster opportunities for greater development in New Orleans East and along the lakefront. She said additionally and most importantly that flood protection would allow medical teams to triage and evacuate hospital patients at a greater capacity, especially since the Airport is only ten minutes from the medical corridor in downtown New Orleans.

Mr. Baomy said that additional flood protection was justified in Plaquemines Parish due to emergency response needs.

Mr. Baomy said it is Arcadis' goal to reduce the five plans down to three for further analysis after consulting with the Airport team at the LMA and staff at the Flood Protection Authority. Some options would yield additional reclaimed land for development. Some options would require construction to go into the lake due to FAA restrictions and to obtain the height necessary to qualify for the FEMA flood insurance plan.

Chair Heaton suggested that the Flood Protection Authority consider a phased approach similar to the seawall project along the lakefront to leverage for federal moneys.

Chair Heaton thanked Mr. Hill and Mr. Martin for furnishing information to Arcadis to advance the study.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Director Capo said the Authority was preparing for its annual audit, and staff is reviewing leases again and ensuring tenants are complying with their terms.

Director Capo said that the Authority has placed Studio Network-Lakefront, LLC in default. He said the curative period ended on May 27, 2020 at 4:00 PM, and they failed to cure their default as no payment and insurance certificates were delivered. Director Capo said the Legal or Commercial Real Estate Committees would consider a recommendation for the full board regarding next steps.

Director Capo said Ms. Benoit has again placed additional objects in the servitude next to her property. He said Jeff Dye, Legal Counsel, will be assisting the Authority in submitting another letter to Ms. Benoit about the illicit placement of the dumpster. Commissioner Romero suggested that contacting the dumpster company may motivate the dumpster company to remove it since they are not authorized to have it there.

Director Capo said that the City of New Orleans Department of Safety and Permits is due to reinspect 43 Warbler's accessory building for compliance. Chair Heaton said that Lake Vista Property Owner's Association has been involved as well. Commissioner Romero said that the Department of Safety and Permits performed a drive-by inspection but did not inspect the accessory building itself. Chair Heaton said that the Authority has been writing comprehensive letters to the Department of Safety and Permits about the issue to ensure it is inspected properly.

She said that the Authority's maintenance department secured the empty artwork pedestals at the Hibernian Memorial Park in response to Commissioner Carr's concerns. She said the Flood Protection Authority has the equipment available for their removal.

Director Capo called upon Mr. Hill to give an update on engineering and maintenance operations.

Mr. Hill said that he issued an RFP for grass cutting. He said a public bidding process is not required. He said he solicited ten contractors. He said three previous contractors and seven new contractors submitted proposals. Six out of seven of the new contractors who submitted proposals were DBE firms.

Chair Heaton added that the Authority was concerned about proper sanitization services for Early Voting at the Lake Vista Community Center. She said that the Authority would attempt to connect the City of New Orleans Registrar of Voters and Secretary of State's Office with the Mosquito Control Department since they can sanitize public spaces.

Director Capo gave an update on the Authority's finances:

- The Authority has received \$1.7 million from the City of New Orleans via the Flood Protection Authority which is \$200,000 less than what was budgeted. Fuel sales are down by \$380,000 due to the Runway 18R/36L Rehabilitation Project and COVID-19 circumstances.
- The Airport lost an undetermined amount of money from scheduled movie shoots which were subsequently cancelled due to COVID-19.
- The Authority will have enough funds on hand to meet its obligations through the end of the fiscal year.

Director Capo gave an update on the Authority's Marinas and Boathouses:

- He said that South Shore Harbor has lost eleven tenants; however, new tenants were continuing to onboard at South Shore Harbor.
- South Shore Harbor is 68% occupied.
- Orleans Marina is 82% occupied, and Orleans Marina would soon see 45 additional slips come on-line.

- Some of the leases in Orleans Marina expire in 2022, and staff will be coming to the board to ask for extensions of these leases in the future.

Bruce Martin, Airport Director, gave an update on the Airport and report on behalf of the Airport Committee:

- The Runway 18R/36L Rehabilitation Project is 99% complete. Permanent markings have been applied, and riprap will be restored in areas.
- The AARF Firehouse Project is almost complete, and the firefighters will be moving into their new firehouse soon.
- A Notice to Proceed was issued for the Repair of the T-103 Fuel Tank Project.
- Airport staff is continuing to work with Kutchins and Groh to advance progress on the final draft of the Airport Master Plan. The final draft will be presented to the Airport Committee and then to the Board. There will be an Airport Open House at an undetermined date.
- The Terminal Elevator Project continues to progress.
- Mr. Martin thanked Darrell Merrick, Maintenance Repairer Master, for his hard work on several improvement projects around the airport including but not limited to maintaining lighting on the airfield and repairing potholes.
- Despite the World War II Museum pulling out of the airshow, the Authority is committed to having a community event in October of 2020, and the Airport Committee will brainstorm at their next meeting.

Daniel Hill, Director of Engineering and Operations, gave an update on maintenance and projects:

- He is requesting quotes from tree service companies to remedy issues near Bayou St. John, and these quotes will likely be presented to the Recreation/Subdivision Committee.
- The Mardi Gras Fountain electrical work was completed, and the pumps were serviced.
- An order was placed for new dock boxes and light kits for installation of new pedestal lights for South Shore Harbor.
- Life rings and posts were ordered for South Shore Harbor and will be installed upon their delivery.
- The Flood Protection Authority did some test digging to identify a drainage issue in the Orleans Marina parking lot. They discovered a drainage issue six feet from the floodwall, and the Authority may need to get permission from the Army Corps of Engineers before proceeding with repairs.
- The pre-construction meeting was held with Wallace Drennan regarding the Stars and Stripes Waterline Repair Project, and the permit for the project is pending with the Army Corps of Engineers.
- Routine maintenance and repainting are being completed at the Lake Vista Community Center.
- The maintenance team will be mounting the new Lake Terrace Subdivision sign soon.
- He said they will be investigating ways of maintaining the Lake Terrace Fountain through chemical treatment or repainting.
- He said he is ensuring that all vendors are paid for fiscal year-end.

- The Flood Authority has started the last phase of the seawall restoration project which has closed Lake Terrace Park to control the worksite. The Authority will be receiving a credit on its grass cutting services since the Authority's contractors will not cut the grass in that area.

Chair Heaton complimented the maintenance, airport and ARFF teams for coming to work each day during the COVID-19 crisis.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Airport Committee:**

Chair Heaton said that Mr. Martin covered the Airport Committee's updates.

### **Finance Committee:**

No report.

### **Legal Committee:**

No report.

### **Commercial Real Estate:**

Chair Heaton reported that Chair Watters was unable to attend, but staff will keep the board up to date on the Studio Network-Lakefront, LLC issue.

Gerard Metzger, Legal Counsel, reported that the lease amendment for Peninsula Condominiums was finalized.

### **Marina Committee:**

Chair Heaton reported that Chair Carr was absent, and she welcome the new Harbor Master Mr. Vanhoose again.

### **Recreation/Subdivision Committee:**

Chair Romero reported that the Recreation/Subdivision Committee will host a special meeting to discuss the Hibernian Memorial Park issues on June 9, 2020, and the Committee has been apprised of neighborhood restriction violations.

Director Capo reminded the Board that the Flood Protection Authority will close Lakeshore Drive for the upcoming weekend, and they will continue to keep the Authority updated on their plans during COVID-19 phasing.

Commissioner Hebert asked if the Flood Protection Authority or if the Mayor's office requested closure of Lakeshore Drive. Director Capo said that OLDPD and the Mayor's office collaborated to make that decision to mitigate large gatherings. Commissioner Hebert said that it was not fair to the fishermen who could not access Seabrook Boat Launch. Director Capo said that he was unaware that the closure included blocking access to Seabrook Boat Launch. Chair Romero suggested that Director Capo coordinate with OLDPD to open access to Seabrook Boat Launch.

Chair Heaton welcomed Commissioner Rodgers again. Commissioner Rodgers expressed his enthusiasm for the projects presented at the meeting.

**Announcement of next Regular Board Meeting:**

**1) Thursday, June 25, 2020 – 5:30 PM**

**Adjourn:**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Bruno, seconded by Commissioner Hebert, and unanimously adopted, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.